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ON SATURDAY THE 16th

We will give

A Post Card Booklet To each Family

Who purchase one 10c loaf or two .5c loaves
of Model Bread

This booklet is worth the price of the loaf but we are going to do it in order to have a few more families try Model Bread, and on Saturday the 23rd we will give a handsome Art Calendar, with no advertising on it, with each twenty-five cent purchase of Christmas Candles. This Calendar is something you will have to see to appreciate and you will have to pay twenty-five cents for it in any art store.

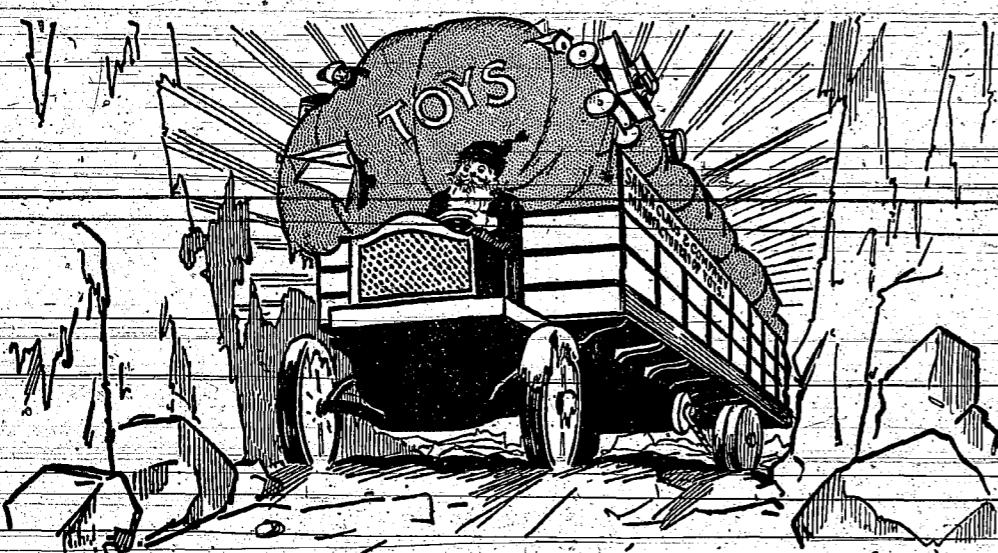
We are doing this to show our appreciation of your trade. Also during the week from the 18th to the 23rd we will have a guessing contest for a beautiful French doll and go cart.

Model Bakery

Go After Business

In a business way—the advertising way. An ad in this paper offers the maximum service at the minimum cost. It reaches the people of the town and vicinity you want to reach.

Try It—It Pays



Christmas Gifts for Children

Brenner's Cash Store Offers a Few Suggestions.

It looked yesterday as if Christmas buying had begun in earnest. All day long our store was crowded to its full capacity. This was largely accounted for by the fact that we have the largest and grandest display of holiday goods ever brought to Grayling. You need but to visit Brenner's Cash Store to see the proof of this statement. The display is dazzling; the choice of articles almost infinite. You can not help seeing many things you will want. Brenner's Cash Store is the Christmas Directory. The Christmas buyer can come to Brenner's and his or her worries as to "what shall I give?" will be over. Prices will not bother you; they run from a nickel into tens of dollars.

Here are a Few Suggestions.

Men's Overcoats hand-tailored ready-to-wear Suits; Dress Pants and Working Pants; Dress Shirts and Working Shirts; Fur Caps, and Woolen Caps; a fine line of Furs, Mufflers; Men's fine Shoes; Ladies fine Shoes; Buster Brown Shoes for the Girl or Boy; Trunks, Valises, Bags, Suit Cases, Toilet Sets, warm Shoes and Slippers; Underwear for Ladies, Men and Children; Children's fine Suits; Boys' knee Pants; Ladies' fine Night Gowns, Waists and Underskirts; fine Dolls, Cuffs and Collar Boxes, and the finest line of all kinds of Toys ever shown in Grayling. Don't buy before you have seen ours and don't forget the fine premiums we give, they're worth while seeing. In our Dishes we can show you a fine display in China, Crockery, Glassware and fancy Dishes. In our store your dollar will do double duty.

Merry Christmas



Remember the place

Brenner's Cash Store

The Store that shares its profit with you. Next to opera house, Main Street, Grayling, Mich.



Holiday Greetings

We extend to one and all a cordial invitation to visit our store to inspect the many pretty and useful articles, suitable as X-Mas Presents

Betzler & Wilson Foun-

tain Pens
make an appropriate and acceptable gift. Some-
thing easily mailed, too, it
is to be sent away.

Regular Pens 75c to \$2.00

Self-filling \$1.50 to \$5.00

Set sterl'g dessert sp'ns,

10.00

Beads,

1.50

Bracelets,

1.50

7.00

Waist sets,

.75

2.00

Ladies watch chains,

3.00

6.00

Ladies fobs,

2.00

5.00

Rosaries,

3.00

6.00

Sterling meat fork,

1.50

5.50

Cuff links,

.50

2.50

Sterling cheese knives,

2.50

3.00

Gents' cuff links,

.75

4.00

Sterling baby spoons,

1.25

1.40

Sterling thimbles,

.50

1.50

Hand painted china,

1.00

4.00

Cut glass pieces, etc.,

.75

15.00

Smoking sets,

1.50

4.25

Shaving sets,

3.00

6.00

Casseroles, baked and

fern dishes,

3.00

7.00

Clock,

1.00

8.00

Crumb and bread trays,

2.00

5.00

A large assortment of 1835 R. Wal-

lace silver plated ware to select from:

A Partial List That Will Interest You.

Silver toilet sets.....	\$ 7.00 to \$10.00	Locket.....	\$ 1.00	7.50	
Jewel boxes.....	1.50	3.50	Locket chains	1.00	4.00
Sterling hat pin holders	2.00		Brooches .....	.75	3.50
Sterling novelties.....	.50	2.00	Hat pins .....	.50	1.50
Sterling souvenirs spoons .....	.85	1.50	Bar pins .....	.50	2.00
Regular Pens 75c to \$2.00			Dress pins, pr... .....	.25	2.00
Self-filling \$1.50 to \$5.00			Beads	1.50	5.50
Set sterl'g dessert sp'ns,	10.00		Bracelets	1.50	7.00
Set sterling tea spoons	4.25	7.25	Waist sets .....	.75	2.00
Set sterling cream-ladies	1.50	1.90	Ladies watch chains	3.00	6.00
Sterling sugar shells	1.40		Ladies fobs	2.00	5.00
Sterling tea strainers	2.00	2.50	Rosaries	3.00	6.00
Sterling oyster forks	1.50		Cuff links .....	.50	2.50
Sterling meat fork	1.50	1.50	Cuff links .....	.75	4.00
Sterling cheese knives	2.50	3.00	Gents' cuff links	2.50	7.00
Sterling baby spoons	1.25	1.40	Gents' fobs	2.50	7.00
Sterling thimbles .....	.50	1.50	Gout chains	2.25	7.00
Hand painted china	1.00	4.00	Smoking sets	1.50	4.25
Cut glass pieces, etc .....	.75	15.00	Shaving sets	3.00	6.00
Casseroles, baked and			Carving sets	3.00	7.00
fern dishes	3.00	7.00	Clocks	1.00	8.00
Crumb and bread trays	2.00	5.00	Brass ware	1.00	3.50
			Watches	7.00	40.00
			Rings of all kinds, \$1.00 and up.		



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A Merry Christmas

for every member of the family.

\$15.00 up.

An easy payment plan if you so desire.

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Cut Flowers And Potted Plants

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Phone 444

Real Estate FOR SALE

A Fortune For Someone

An entire section in township 27 N R 2 W, one mile from R. R. near school, excellent fruit land and for general farming; well watered, a beautiful little lake well stocked with fish. A fine lot of timber for sawing and for wood. Can be bought for half its value half cash and balance on time.

40 acres fenced, 8 acres under cultivation, 1-2 miles from village, \$600.00

40 acres Oak Land, adjoining Grayling Park on Portage Lake \$600.00

Two desirable building lots on Ogemaw street, \$250.00

40 acres, good neighborhood, convenient to school and post office; one third rich black muck land and good brook running through the tract. \$12 per acre.

80 acres SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 sec. 10, Grayling, good supply of stove wood on land, price and terms to suit.

40 acres in Beaver Creek, good house and stable; a good well and young orchard, and plenty of small fruit. A bargain.

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A number of boys wanting to learn to play band instruments with expectations to eventually organize a Juvenile band. Enquire at my office or residence.

F. G. WALTON

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Engraved cards for Christmas presents at this office.

J. L. COOK, Newsman, Com.

The LASH of CIRCUMSTANCE

by HARRY IRVING GREENE
Author of "Yosonde of the Wilderness"

Illustrations by Magnus G. Kettner

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SYNOPSIS.

Abner Halliday, a miserly millionaire, is found gagged, bound and insensible in his room; his safe rifled and \$40,000 missing. Instead of the story is taken up by his nephew, Tom, who reveals that the house are other relatives: reckless Bruce Halliday and pretty Clara Winton.

CHAPTER II.—(Continued.)

I happened to meet Bruce one day at our noon luncheon. It was Saturday afternoon and my work was finished for the week. He came into the place where I sat and dropped heavily into a seat beside me. His appearance caused me to whirl upon him. His face was drawn tense as the skin of a drum, his eyes were heavy as though with a great weariness; and his hands ashen in their shakiness. He had the haunted look of a man who has been crushed, soul and body, by some appalling disaster. Marveling at the evil transformation which had come over him, I let my hand fall upon his shaking fingers.

"What is it, Bruce?" I cried sharply. He blotted the perspiration from his face and answered me hoarsely as a croak. "It is all up. They have wiped me out clean as a whistle. Had everything I could rake and scrape on System stock, and she has gone straight to the bottommost pit of inferno. And I was forty thousand to the good and was going to quit forever at fifty thousand and marry Clara." He burst into tears. "And now I can't marry her, for I am ruined, busted, blown up, shot to pieces. If any one gives me an automobile I couldn't raise the wind to fill its tires." His head dropped forward and wiping his eyes dry he sat with chest heaving, stared at him.

"How much did it sink?" I asked slowly after a moment. He waved his hand helplessly. "It didn't take time to do that. It just plunged, dived, sounded—dropped like a ton of lead in a vacuum. I was wiped out before I could yell 'keno' and croak a finger. Oh, the miserable shame of it! An unspeakable—foul, unmentionable—idiot-unutterable! Ass! Idiot! Fool!" Shocked, but helpless, I surveyed him in silence. Presently his voice arose again, this time angrily.

"But that stock is only temporarily knocked down, and is bound to come up smiling long before the count. It was that damnable published lie that started the panic, and the scare will be over in 24 hours when the truth is known. If I only had \$10,000 more I could get back in good shape in no time. But I can't beg, borrow or steal. Even if that sum, I'm an alley-infesting, free-lunch pauper who can't even sell his soul because Old Nick figures he'll get it anyway free gratis. And there's our dear Uncle Abner sitting up there in his don't-this-way attitude plowing his fingers and nose through \$40,000 that he has just collected in currency. I was up to see him in a dying effort to get him to strike me, but he only grinned at me like a totem pole and kept on counting the holes of yellow backs until I wanted to yell and had to run away."

"Get shut of it." He got upon his feet and in his anger banged the table with a metal object which he had tightly clenched in his fist. "But I've simply got to get ten thousand for a month or two, I tell you, and I'm going to do it." Then suddenly subsiding, he turned to me in helpless importunity. "You couldn't spare me anything in the shape of an advance, could you, old man?"

The pathos of the appeal touched me, but I shook my head. "No, Bruce, I can give you nothing to speculate with," I replied quietly. He got up with a despairing shrug of his shoulders, nodded a hurried good-bye and was off on what was doubtless some last despairing quest. I saw no good in attempting to detain him and therefore made no effort to call him back.

Thoughts of what he had told me filled my mind to the exclusion of all else. It was bad news, very bad news, indeed, and I knew that Clara would knew she did, she would take his troubles deep into her own heart. And it was a miserable shaming too. Forty thousand dollars was a magnificent start along the road to fortune for a man only twenty-eight years old, and it would probably be many years before he could climb that high again. The suddenness of the catastrophe was a distinct shock to me. For an hour I pondered over it deeply, then arising, took my own departure homeward.

Uncle Abner was still nosing around among his stacks of currency as I entered. He glanced up at me quickly as I opened the door, then, ignoring me, picked up a thousand dollar bill and began talking to it.

"Look at me, you beauty. Of course you don't know how I got you, but I'm going to tell you. I schemed for you days and laid awake for you nights. I sweat for you and I set traps for you and denied myself for you, and finally I got you. You led me a pretty chase, but in the end I captured you because I had my soul set upon you. And why did I want you? Because you are the concentration of stored energy. All I have to do is turn you loose in the world and sit back in my chair and watch." In

a minute a hundred men will jump forth and hammer and saw and roll from morning until night. And the results of all their labor will be mine because while they work for you, you belong to me. I could buy men, women or souls with you—but I won't. I am just going to fire you. I am going to breed you until you get me another like yourself; and then I am going to do it all over again. And you will never get away from me on this earth, either." He turned to me with that disgusting leer of his.

"Tom, how many of these beauties have you saved up?"

"Not any. And it doesn't look as though I ever would at the price I pay you for second-class board and lodgings." He leaned to his feet in a quivering rage, for the moment made speechless by my unprecedented insolence in daring to resent his insults.

But his voice came to him soon enough. Grimacing like a chimpanzee he fairly squealed in his anger.

"Second-class lodgings! You never

had enough money in your life to buy a quarter of it. And you never will have, either, you spendthrift. If I

didn't charge you for your living you would have just that much more to go to the dogs with. You ought to get me for it. Second-class board! You

will be glad to get a bone to gnaw yet,

you puppy!" suddenly he subsided to a sneer and began smoothing my coat over like a prospective buyer of old clothes.

"This suit, how much did it cost you, huh?"

"Fifty dollars."

"And the rest of that trousseau that you wear around in the mud, including the overcoat?"

"I don't know. I never figured it up. Probably seventy-five more."

He sat down with a thump and sat glaring at me as his voice gradually rose again.

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"Bruce," I said after a moment. "He opened his eyes and looked at me vacantly, but made no reply. In a general way I attempted to console him, but he only shook his head in silence, and finding my efforts unavailing I finally abandoned them. Ordering a mild decoction for myself, I touched his glass and drank to the hope that better times might soon be on the wing. He emptied his glass without reply, and sank back into his dejected posture. Five minutes later he seemed to be half asleep, and I determined to take him bodily in hand. Not wishing to have him seen in that condition by any friends who might chance to enter, I shook him into a semblance of life. Then making him take my arm, I assisted him outside into the open air. Darkness had already fallen and the lights of the skyscrapers were beginning to sparkle. He lurched heavily against me, and seeing that his condition was rapidly becoming hopeless, I signaled a cab, opened the door and thrust him inside. He fell upon the seat, muttering some address to which he wished to be taken and I turned to the driver who was propping him up.

"He will be all right in a couple of hours. At present he is not feeling particularly well and should be taken care of," I said significantly. The other nodded his understanding. Then with brief instructions for him to handle his charge right side up with care, I turned away as he picked up the reins.

I formulated my own plans for the evening. In my state of mind I did not care to exert myself, preferring to go where I could sit quietly and be entertained by others. I decided upon the theater. A block further on I happened across a banking acquaintance who, upon my invitation, joined me. At the end of the performance we emerged. It was now in the neighborhood of 11 o'clock, and, shaking hands, we parted for the night.

Having thrown down my key to the house, I decided to stay downtown until morning. Crossing the street, I entered the Pacific hotel. I knew the clerk at the desk and saluting him by name, I asked him to assign me to a room a few floors up and fronting on the alley, such a location being quiet in the early morning hours than a room facing the street. He gave me the key and a bell-hotel key immediately. Not being accustomed to retiring before 12, I was not in the least sleepy, leaving the light burning. I threw myself upon the bed as scene by scene ran the film of the events of the day before my mental eyes. And so deeply did I become engrossed in this that when I aroused myself and looked at my watch it was after midnight. I arose and stood before the mirror, searching my own face keenly, my mind still reverting to my quarrel with my uncle and its probable outcome. While I did not imagine that my uncle had been fully engaged in this, I was aware that he had been deeply interested in it. I had given him full vent to our spleen. Going to the wall telephone, I asked for his number, and a moment later heard his querulous voice over the wire as he demanded to know what it was that called him at that hour. I answered him with the quietness I always strove to employ except upon rare occasions when I for the moment lost command of myself. Having done everything for him that I could think of for the moment, I sat down upon the edge of the bed to await the arrival of those whom I had summoned.

I inspected it with a glance. No money remained in it, but the papers looked as though they had not been disturbed beyond a general overhaul. I swept my eyes about the room and under the bed. No glimpse of my uncle rewarded me and I ran from the room with loud calls for Mrs. Tebbets. It was her custom not to disturb us of Sunday mornings that she announced her breakfast, and that she announced it with a smile. She knew nothing of the condition of affairs in the upper part of the house, but was evidently by her ordinary demeanor as she admitted me. From room to room of the upper story I went in rapid search of the missing one, and at last, in one of the dark closets I found him and dragged him forth. He was bound hand and foot, and I beat over him and shook him. He seemed to be rather unconscious than otherwise, but he certainly was alive.

Puffing up the stairs in response to my cries, Mrs. Tebbets reached me just as I had finished my hasty diagnosis. I immediately removed a handkerchief which had been tied around his mouth, slashed the cords which bound him, and together we carried him to my room and placed him upon the bed. I tore open his night garment and examined him superficially, but could discover no marks of physical violence save about the throat. There it was red and puffy. Mrs. Tebbets, in a mystery of excitement, was useless as an assistant, and hastening to the telephone called up first Doctor Courtney, our family physician, and then the nearest police station. After that I went back to the victim.

He was breathing more freely now that the handkerchief had been removed, and presently his eyes opened and he stared at me. When I spoke to him, however, he did not answer. Having done everything for him that I could think of for the moment, I sat down upon the edge of the bed to await the arrival of those whom I had summoned.

"It is nothing serious. There is no permanent injury and he will be all right as soon as he recovers from the shock. He seems to have been severely shocked, but there was no chloroform or ether drug administered.

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"I was round asleep. The room was very dark and I knew of nothing unusual until I awoke and found myself pinioned to the bed by a heavy man. He was choking me and pinching my arms to helplessness beneath his knees. I attempted to struggle, but could do little more than mutter incoherently as I had found them. He used a good deal of force and in a few moments my senses left me. I knew nothing more until I awoke and found myself in some dark hole. I relied about a little, and from the closeness of the walls to each other knew it was a closet. There was a handkerchief in my mouth and I could not call for help. Anyway it would have been useless, for there was nobody else on the premises but Mrs. Tebbets, and I knew she should awake and attempt to come to my assistance or give the alarm if my assailants would do something to render her helpless. If they had not already done so. Therefore I desisted attempting to make a noise. After awhile I must have lost my senses again, for all is blank to me from them up to the time I awoke here a few moments ago. I do not believe that more than one man had hold of me, as I heard nothing to indicate that he had companions. He may have had,

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14.

Store Window Displays.

Many of our stores have taken on their holiday attire and are looking gay with red and green trimmings. They are displaying many new creations for this festive occasion—things of beauty, things of comfort and usefulness. We here mention a few of the window displays:

Lewis & Co.—Trimmed with holly and festoons of red and green, displaying Xmas decorative material, and boxes; also toilet and miscellaneous articles.

M. Brenner's store is gay with Christmas banners and colors with a window of toys and another of miscellaneous articles.

C. J. Hathaway has a good old Santa just going down a chimney, and is displaying jewelry and one window of hand-painted china.

Sorenson's furniture store is striking in appearance and attractiveness, one window displaying toys and another a handsome china cabinet surrounded with a variety of ornamental and useful articles, all nicely displayed.

The Grayling Mercantile Company is deserving considerable credit for two excellent window displays, showing artistic taste and care in arrangement. Christmas colors and holly wreaths are used for trimmings.

A snow storm in one of M. Simpson's windows is attracting considerable attention.

A. Kraus & Son are working on their display and expect to have it ready tomorrow.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons are showing two Christmas trees covered with glistening snow and showing Christmas boxes of cigars.

The Central Drug store is trimmed in red and green showing many handsome and useful articles.

Red and green lattice work with a nice showing of shoes at J. O. Goudrows.

Mose was down to Roscommon one night last week and in coming home he rode back on Coyle's private car while Johnnie and Carl road in a seat of an ordinary coach. With a nice comfortable platform to stand on and convenient places to hang out, with borrowed overcoat that was only four sizes too small for him and had to button every other button, and the wind whistling around the forty mile mark, Mose gracefully occupied the rear platform, while inside the door a big breakman was making signs at him of what he would do to him before the train stopped. So courteous was the train crew to Mose that they didn't even take up his fare, but they gave him a punch with a pair of number nines and would have given him more but for the fact that Mose was anxious to be among his friends in Grayling and jumped off the train before it stopped.

Christmas Customs.

It is interesting to trace the origin of festival customs to those connected with Dualical superstitions of classic observances, and it will surprise many to learn that present-day sports very closely resemble the celebrations observed of old in honor of Saturn or Bacchus.

The Roman Saturnalia, which occurred in the winter solstice, were a season of great festivity and rejoicing, honored by many privileges and exemptions. The spirit of gaiety had free charter, and even quarrels were suspended, to be resumed after the holidays.

As a manifestation of the gratitude felt at the renewed prospects of the returning march of the sun, gifts were exchanged and special hymns were sung. These latter were really the Roman representatives of the modern carol.

At the Saturnalia the Romans feasted, sang and danced, as we do at Christmas. A ruler or king was appointed, who enjoyed certain prerogatives. He presided over the sports of the season. Probably he is the ancestor of the lord of misrule, who exercised a similar power in more recent times.

Merriment was a matter of general concern, and the joyous spirit of entire districts is now narrowed to family parties.

It is the touch that makes the whole world kin, and it is a pleasant reminder that, after all, history repeats itself.

Not Blessed.
The presents you forget to give to others who don't forget to give to you are not so blessed.

Scientist Gone Astray.

The serpent is even wiser than the women tell us, according to Professor Maynard, the noted educator of Cambridge, Mass. In a startling statement the professor declared that as a result of study of snakes he is convinced that had they been able to develop hands and feet instead of being obliged to crawl their brains would have enabled them to dominate the world.

In that event, he asserts, man probably would have remained in a primitive savage state, or possibly even as

Neighborhood News

Lovell's Locals.

T. E. Douglas was in Lewiston Saturday.

John Tobin of Grayling was in town recently.

Jos. Sims was at the county seat one day recently.

Leo Schram of Grayling was a caller on Saturday last.

T. E. Douglas made a trip to Grayling one day last week.

Misses Macy and Margaret Douglas are spending a few days in Grayling.

Mrs. Loozo, who was reported as being on the sick list last week is able to eat again.

We have had so many warm rains of late that the snow is almost gone. Somehow we feel as though we have had enough winter and welcome bare ground again.

Friends of Mrs. D. Shibley gave her birthday surprise on Saturday evening. The evening was spent in dancing, after which a lunch was served. A good time is reported.

Mrs. Wm. Marsh left on Monday

for Big Rapids where she will be the guest of her son James, who is a student at the Ferris Institute and who completes his course about the holidays.

B. S. Houghton was called to Cass City one day last week to the bedside of his father, who is in a critical condition. He found him a trifle improved, but says that his death is expected at any time.

Twenty of our young people enjoyed a lengthy sleighride on Tuesday evening after which they enjoyed a delicious lunch which was served by the ladies of the party at the cosy home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pierce.

The boarding house is re-opened under the management of Mrs. Joe Duby and her daughter, Mrs. Nephew, As T. E. Douglas has started to rebuild the mill, undoubtedly they will have as many boarders as they can accommodate.

TOMMY.

Beaver Creek Breezes.

Mrs. Geo. Annis is feeling fine again.

Mr. John Hanna was in Roscommon Saturday.

Mrs. Henry Moon has been ailing at her home for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Geo. Annis was real glad of

the surprise by her cousin, who made them a visit from the south.

Wm. Moon, Albert Moon and John Hanna have gone to Flint to secure work for the winter. Hope to see them in the spring.

Miss Ida Durham spent Thanksgiving at Five Lake. On her return she was accompanied by Miss Hastings. Miss Hastings is quite a musician and has been giving the school children a great deal of pleasure with her music.

Halsey Miller, a resident of Beaver Creek, was buried Friday. Mr. Miller had been ill for some time and his death was unexpected. He was a member of the 11th Infantry of Michigan. He had for many years lived with Mr. J. C. Fallin.

There was a surprise party given by Miss Mable Moon and Mrs. Geo. Annie on Mr. Ralph Neuman last Tuesday evening in honor of his birthday. Had a taffy pull and a nice sociable visit and all returned home saying they had a fine time. Mr. Neuman was accompanied home to South Bend, Indiana, by his cousin, Homer Annis.

RANDOM SHOTS.

It is reported that "Grandpa" Stephan, living near Stephan's bridge, is very ill. He is at present

with his daughter, Mrs. R. S. Babbitt.

Miss Hamilton, Miss Schreiber and W. W. were callers at the Eddie Babbitt home near Wakely's bridge last Sunday. Miss Danforth and Mr. Terhune "dropped in" later.

A quiet little farewell party was given at the Schreiber home, at Sigbee, last Friday evening in honor of Miss Mary Forbush, who has finished her term of school in the Stephan's district. Music and games were the order of the evening. Miss Forbush has won many friends during her short stay among us. Our good wishes follow her.

A POOR MARKSMAN.

Notice.

The annual meeting of stock-holders of Grayling Opera House company will be held at opera house 7:30 p.m. January 9th 1912.

J. F. HUM, J. F. NARRIN, President, Secretary.

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is enthroned in our hearts from childhood days. A young lady likes her sweetheart's picture in a locket. Our special line of lockets, chains, bracelets, rings and pins, all appeal to the fair sex.

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Watchmaker

A. PETERSON

Santa Claus will arrive Saturday, the 16. Meet him at the Depot. Santa will come to Grayling on the 2:15 train from the North Pole. He would like to have all the children meet him at the train and go with him to his headquarters. He has a letter for every little boy and girl, and would like to hear from every one of them, too. Santa will give an autograph-photo of himself to every one who meets him at the depot. Be sure to get one.

X-Mas Bargains

December 15th to December 25th, 1911.

Outing Flannel Blankets, \$4.50, cut to	\$3.75
Outing Flannel Blankets, \$2.00, cut to	1.50
Outing Flannel, 10c, cut to	8c
Apron Gingham, 9c, cut to	7c
Dress Gingham, 12c, cut to	9c
Prints, 7c, cut to	6c
Dress Goods at cut prices	
Children's Underwear, 25c, cut to	21c
Ladies' Hand Bags, good values, at cut prices	
Men's Sweaters, \$1.75, cut to	1.25
Boys' Sweaters, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Woolen Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	85c
Boys' Woolen Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
16 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.75, cut to	3.00
12 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.50, cut to	2.75
8 in. Leather Top Rubber, \$3.00, cut to	2.25
Ladies' Underskirts, all wool, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Working Shoes, all sizes, per pair	1.00
Men's Fancy Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Fancy Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
Men's Low Rubbers, \$1.85, cut to	1.50

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The Wise Bride.
"Yes, the girl gave the bride a
complimentation shower."
"What in the world is that?"
"Why, they all told her how sorry
they were she was going to marry
such a man as the coming bride-
groom."

"That must have hurt her feelings."
"No, it didn't. She knew there
wasn't a girl there who wouldn't have
given her eyes to get him!"

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They make the most
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leave your order to day.
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cards, \$1.40

Avalanche Office

the farmer is the hub and center. It is he that furnishes all with the necessities of life and while he is a laborer, he produces the wealth of the world."

WOMEN'S CONGRESS

Wednesday, December 6th.
We are indebted to Mrs. S. N. Inniss
for the following excellent write-up
of the Woman's Congress of the Farmers' Institute.

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Carrie Feldhausen at 2:00 p. m. at G. A. R. hall.

Attendance was not so large as in former years, owing to bad roads and some other unavoidable hindrances.

Mrs. Feldhausen, after explaining the object of these women's sections to Farmers' Institutes, expressed regret at the small attendance of farmers' wives and daughters, and introduced the conductor of the day's meeting, Mrs. C. M. Barber of Lansing.

The subject of Mrs. Barber's paper was, "Feeding and care of Children," and the capable manner in which it was delivered showed long, careful study of her topic, so much being contained in every statement made. Her thoughts were practical and sensible, which being combined with an excellent delivery made it one of the best addresses ever given in Grayling. The discussion following the paper was an exchange of opinions as to old and modern methods of caring for children, and was freely discussed by many present.

The next paper was read by Mrs. O. P. Schumann of Grayling, the topic being, "The Christmas Spirit." In a pleasing, forceful manner she gave the history, the myths, the national customs of the Christmas observances. She compared the original spirit of Christmas with that of today and gave the true and false versions of what constitutes the Christmas spirit.

The commercial tendencies of Americans she blamed for the present condition of our holiday sentiments, and begged for a return to the time and joy of enjoying our Christmas.

Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Schumann consented to allow their papers to be printed at a later date, that all the ladies who were unfortunately detained from the meeting might read them.

Mrs. Deckrow then read an article "You cannot escape the pirates on land or sea," and gave occasion for discussion to the farmer ladies present.

Election of officers then took place,

Mrs. N. Deckrow being elected chairman for the ensuing year. Meeting closed to meet again at call of chairman.

These meetings are productive of great good and it is only regretted that all our farmers couldn't attend. We would also be glad to publish the addresses in full, if this were possible, but this would require more space and greater facilities than we at disposal.

L. B. Merritt of Grayling, and Hugo Schreiber Jr. of Pere Cheney, are president and secretary, respectively, of the county institute, and it is due to a great extent to the enterprise of these gentlemen that these meetings were a success.

We would suggest that our farmers let us know of good ideas that come to them from time to time that we may pass them along for the benefit of others.

Holiday Fire Bulletin.

To all Fire Chiefs, Presidents of Villages, Clerks of Townships and Deputy Fire Marshals:

Gentlemen: With the approach of the Christmas holiday season, we are reminded of the great loss of life and property annually occasioned at this time thru the careless decoration of store windows, Christmas trees in homes and churches, and the reckless handling of electric wiring, inflammable materials, etc.

In order to reduce the disasters resulting from the above, it is the desire of the Department that all Deputy Fire Marshals (which includes yourself) under the law shall make an especially effort to carry into effect the following regulations:

The use of tissue paper, excelsior, straw, cotton and all other light and especially inflammable materials in the decoration of store windows, where

there is an open gas jet, and in the wrapping of electric light bulbs is strictly prohibited, and you are requested to particularly enforce this provision. The decoration of Christmas trees in public places with any of the above materials, is considered a crime by this Department, and you are requested to urge the people of your locality to refrain from its use in that way."

The Department requests that this Bulletin be given publicity in your community by publication in your local papers, and that you, in your capacity as Deputy Fire Marshal, exert your best effort to the reduction of this great fire hazard. Remember that a policy of fire insurance is invalidated if the terms thereof are varied in the slightest degree by the assured, and the careless handling of electric wiring, or the use of known fire hazards, has resulted in many a policy holder losing his entire indemnity.

If you want to reduce the cost of your fire insurance, you must begin by reducing your fire hazard.

I trust you will make an especial effort towards carrying out the above suggestions.

Very truly yours,
C. A. PALMER.

\$10.00 Reward

For evidence that will convict the boys who smashed the windows in my barn near the Dowell factory.

O. PALMER.

Christmas Legends

ALL around the season of the Coming of Love as a little Child there have sprung legends and beliefs like blossoms in a gracious clime, which testify with subtlety to the depth of the appeal of the birth of Christ. Here divinely spiritual symbolism and there sweet, human tenderness and pathos appear, and blended, they evidence the world's belief that this was both Son of Man and Son of God.

An Irish legend tells that on Christ's eve, the Christ-Child wanders out in the darkness and cold, and the peasants still put lighted candles in their windows to guide the sacred little feet, that they may not stumble on their way to their homes. And in Hungary the people go yet further in their tenderness for the Child, they spread feasts and leave their doors open that He may enter at His will.

While throughout Christendom there is a belief that no evil can touch any child who is born on Christmas-eve.

The legend which tells how the

baby was laid put forth living red blossoms at midwinter at the touch of the Babe's body could only

have arisen from belief in the renewal

of life through the Lord of Life.

The Holy Thorn.

IT is not so many centuries ago since there was that holy thorn at Glastonbury which blossomed every Christmas, and so ran the legend, had done ever since St. Joseph of Arimathea, having come to apostle to Britain, and landing at Glastonbury, had stuck his staff in dry hawthorn into the soil, commanding it to put forth leaves and blossoms. This the staff straightway did, and thereby was the king converted to the Christian faith, the faith which preached the life of death.

The holy thorn of Glastonbury flourished during the centuries until the civil wars. During these it was uprooted, but several persons had

trees growing from cuttings from the original tree, and those continued to bloom at the Christ-season, just as

their parent, which had grown from

St. Joseph's staff, had bloomed.

And about the middle of the 18th century it was recorded in the Gentleman's Magazine how the famous holy thorn

would not deign to recognize the new

style calendar, which had then come

into force but would persist in bloom

as of old on old Christmas day!

In those days the anniversary of the advent of the Babe had certainly meant more to the common people

than merely a time for feasting and revelry, for giving and receiving; it had been also a season for holy ob-

servances, for they refused to go to church on New Christmas day, the holy-thorn not being then in blossom.

So serious became the trouble that the clergy found it prudent to announce that Old Christmas day should also be kept sacred as before. Only an-

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Do you realize that there is a very short time left to do your Christmas shopping? We urge you to visit our store and inspect the various departments. Every Shelf and counter is loaded with practical gifts suitable for every member of the family.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 14

Local and Neighborhood News.

Additional local news on page six.
Mrs. Wm. Hammond has returned from Bay City.

Specialty tonight at opera house. Guess who it is.

A. M. Lewis & Co. have a line of Ladies' hand bags on exhibition.

Mrs. Sarah Ferguson of Williamsburg is visiting old friends in town.

Mrs. Crowley offers all her \$5 and \$6 hats at \$2.50, and \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50.

Come to opera house tonight and see George Ballinger specialize. You'll enjoy it.

Two beautiful goldfish in globe and capsule given away with every \$10 cash trade at South Side grocery. 2c.

New and second hand cutters for sale at Langevin's barn. Either single or double style. 9-7-1f.

Chas. Amidon is entertaining a nephew, Mr. Fig. of Owosso. They are taking in some of our good rabbit hunting.

Carl Peterson is in Johannesburg this week with a stock of jewelry which he has on display at the City Drug Store.

Genius holly wreaths all ready to hang up in your windows or for decorating, twenty cents each at Olaf Sorenson & Sons.

The Little Busy Bee club met with Ruby Olson Saturday afternoon and spent a most happy time. Ice cream and cake was served.

Salling, Hanson Company are ready to book your order for coal for the coming winter. Order now to insure prompt delivery. Aug 17/4

Without the door let sorrow lie; And if for cold it hath to die, We'll bury 't in a Christmas pie, And ever more be merry.

MODEL BAKERY.

Crawford Grange will elect officers at their next meeting December 16th. A full attendance is desired as there is very important business which interests everyone, come early.

We want your orders for spring cutters, Portland cutters and cutter gears; bobsleighs, buggies and spring wagons; gasoline engines and cream separators. A nice line of hand and it will pay you to come in and look these over. WM. McCULLOUGH.

Daniel Haywood, who had been working for W. C. Johnson, Pere Cheney, was found dead in bed one morning last week. He was 74 years old and had been a resident of Beaver Creek for a number of years. Funeral was held from Sorenson Bros. undertaking parlors last Tuesday and he was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery.

The M. P. Card club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. A. Brady last Monday evening. It proved one of the most enjoyable parties of the winter. First prizes were won by Mrs. S. Lander and S. S. Phelps Jr.; consolation prizes won by Mrs. C. Mork and R. W. Brink. Delightful refreshments were served after which the gentlemen indulged in a friendly smoke while the ladies visited.

Many pre-nuptial functions have been given in honor of Miss Eleanor Mellstrum. Among the hostesses being Mrs. Eaborn Hanson, who entertained with a linen shower Friday afternoon. Bridal roses were used as the decoration. This idea being carried out with the juscheen, the cream being in the form of the roses. Miss Mellstrum received many beautiful pieces of linen from the guests.

Thos. Morris, of Chicago, who has been making his home for several months past near Lovells, has returned to Chicago. Mr. Morris has been in charge of the purchasing department of the "Top Inn," which is one of the large first class cafés in that city. He came here for his health and looks as well and healthy as any one, but he expects to return next spring.

Be sure and hear Fred Alexander sing tonight in the play, "It's up to Freddie."

Misses Mary and Margaret Douglas of Lovells are spending a few days with friends here.

The Grayling Mercantile Company's store will be open every evening next week until nine o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hanson have been spending a few days in Detroit. They returned this morning.

V. T. E. Douglas has started to rebuild his mill at Lovells. The old one was burned a few weeks ago.

All our \$5 and \$6 hats at \$2.50, and all \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50.

Mrs. CROWLEY.

Every thrifty buyer of holiday goods will find splendid offerings among our advertisements. Look for more next week.

All members of Rebekah Lodge are requested to be present at a meeting tonight Thursday. Important business to be transacted.

We guarantee every canary bird that we sell to be a good singer or we will refund the money.

2c SOUTH SIDE GROCERY.

Mrs. Harvey Anderson came from East Tawas last Saturday to join her husband, who is the new local telephone manager. They expect to go to housekeeping soon.

Big preparations are being made at Frederic for a grand masquerade ball on the night following Christmas, Tuesday. They say that everyone is invited and that strict order will be maintained.

David Shoppemagon, our Indian friend, is ill at his home near the bridge. It is hardly believed that he can recover sufficiently to get out again. He is being well cared for by his granddaughter.

The postal authorities at Washington, recognizing the liability of post-masters to make mistakes and put letters in the wrong boxes while distributing mail, have fixed a penalty of \$200 for persons taking other than their own mail out of the postoffice and not returning it at once. The excuse that it is the postmaster's fault will not be the least extenuate the offense.

Witt Lauder entertained the Junior class Tuesday evening, November 28. Many interesting stories were told of each one's experiences while earning a dollar for the class treasury.

Special mention is made of saxophone duets by Reagan and Lauder, also piano solos by Cornelia Mellstrum. Dainty refreshments were served by

Mrs. Rosier, whom the young people pronounced a most hospitable hostess.

The Eastern Star met at their hall last night and initiated into their order Mrs. C. A. Whittley, Miss Florence Smith and Miss Lillian Barnes. There was a good attendance.

of the members and several visitors were present. After the initiation a reception was held for Miss Eleanor Mellstrum, who was presented with a gift from the Star. Refreshments were served by the young ladies of the order.

James Griggs was arrested for drunkenness last Saturday night by Marshall Chas. Stannard. His examination was held last Monday before Justice McCullough when he pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to six days in jail with payment of costs.

Griggs has been working in the woods near Sigma and came to Grayling last Saturday. He is subject to epileptic fits and this is probably what got him into trouble. A scuffle occurred while taking him to jail and he got one of Mr. Stannard's fingers into his mouth, biting it to the bone.

The sample copies of this paper that we are sending out during the holiday season are producing more new subscribers than we had hoped for.

We wish to say to those who are not familiar with the Avalanche that many good things are in store for subscribers during the coming year.

We probably won't have quite as much interesting advertising as we are having during this and next week, but you are sure to get the news of our town and county, besides interesting write-ups of our manufacturing and business institutions and the names of men who have charge of the various departments.

We here quote a few of the numerous articles that are always acceptable:

For the Man	For the Lady	For the Boy	For the Girl
Fancy Ties, one in a box	Pretty Silk Waists	Shoes and Rubbers	Dresses
Fancy Suspenders, one pair in box	Skirts, Suits	Caps, Mitts, Ties	Furs, Mitts
Silk Scarfs, from 50c to \$2.50	Coats and Furs	Sweaters	Shoes
Knit Scarfs, 25c and 50c	Muslin Underwear	Bags and Purse	Fancy Ribbons
Smoking Jackets	Bath Robes	Silk Scarfs and Veils	Knit Caps
	Gloves and Mittens, from 25c up	White Aprons	Handkerchiefs
	Fancy Socks	Knemos and Dressing Sacques	Sweaters, Coats
	Sweaters, Caps	Gloves and Mittens	Stockings
	Hats, Shirts, Handkerchiefs	Handkerchiefs	Leggings
	Suit Cases and Trunks	Napkins and Table Linen	
	Suits and Overcoats	Drawn Work	

For the Baby

Bonnets, Booties, Knit Caps and Sacques, Coats, Sweaters, Leggings

Hundreds of other articles that make presentable gifts. Bring your list, for not only will you find a larger and better selection, but we will save you money

GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

QUALITY STORE

Miss Gassel of Lewiston is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bremer.

Don't miss the home talent play to-night at the opera house, "It's up to Freddie."

Miss McManus of Detroit is spending the holiday season with her parents here.

Art goods for Christmas. Stamped linens and all colors in floss, at Mrs. Crowley's.

Buy some of those holly boxes of A. M. Lewis & Co. They are fine to send presents in.

Mrs. Geo. L. Alexander returned Monday from a few days visit with friends in Saginaw.

Mrs. Rose Schreiber visited her sister, Mrs. R. Edmunds, in Maple Forest the first of the week.

Christmas Art goods. Stamped linens and all colors in floss, at Mrs. Crowley's.

Don't fail to come tonight and see Ambrose Mellstrum at his best as "Freddie," the English dude, He's great. At Opera house.

A number of our subscribers are in arrears with their subscriptions and we will be pleased to have them bring them up to date. Either call at this office or mail in their remittance.

There are friendly ties and business ties.

And family ties by birth; But the kind of ties we advertise are the sweetest ties on earth.

At the GRAYLING MERCANTILE CO.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Danish Lutheran church was entertained

Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Nels Michelson. Every year Mr. Michelson opens his beautiful home to this society and proves himself a royal host. All who were in attendance reported a very pleasant time.

Marguerite Chamberlain, assisted

by Bessie McCullough, entertained the Seniors at her home Saturday evening. About nine-thirty the guests were given a sleigh ride to Portage Lake. Upon their return they were ushered to the dining room where a sumptuous banquet was served. The decorations were in pink and white

the class colors. All report a very

Don't criticise the butter; you may be old yourself someday.

Order your cream for Christmas now.

BRINK'S GROCERY.

On the last page of this paper will be found a list of the donors to Grayling Mercy Hospital with the amounts they donated; also a statement of the expenditures of the same institution.

The wind storm of last Sunday night played havoc with our electric light wires, and for several nights our streets were in darkness. The Telephone company escaped with little or no damage.

Sheriff Benedict has been very much "under the weather" for several weeks past, but is able to be up and around the jail. Rheumatism was the trouble. He is looking pretty feeble and has lost some of his advertising.

Mrs. Rose Schreiber visited her sister, Mrs. R. Edmunds, in Maple Forest the first of the week.

Christmas Art goods. Stamped linens and all colors in floss, at Mrs. Crowley's.

We want your subscriptions for magazines and publications. We can give you the lowest possible clubbing offers.

A nice way to remember a friend for Christmas—send them a year's subscription to some good magazine.

OLAF SORENSEN & SONS.

Last week occurred the consolidation of two long and well-established newspapers at Hastings, Mich. The Journal was started in 1868 and Herald in 1880. Both papers have been successful for these many years and have done a good work but it has long been realized neither could afford to give the people of that town a strictly up-to-date newspaper.

The expense of running a newspaper these days is considerably greater than in the past, and the demand for enterprise progress has compelled the consolidation of many of our best newspapers. Muskegon has but one daily newspaper, Flint has but one, also Pontiac and Lansing. Hastings is a city of over 5,000 inhabitants and with the united support of her merchants and manufacturers, the Journal-Herald, for such the new paper is called, should give the people of that city a lively and very interesting newspaper.

John H. Dennis, the veteran editor of the Journal, has been named as president of the new company, and C. F. Poole, editor of the Herald, will be vice-president. The new firm has

our best wishes.

Wm. McCullough is confined to his home by illness and under the doctor's care.

Miss Nellie Shanahan is the new operator at the telephone switchboard and the improvement in her service after one week is very perceptible. Her old position in the express office is being filled by Miss Angie Van Patten.

Emerson Bates, the hustling agent of this city for the Saturday Evening Post, has informed us that he won a two dollar prize for selling the most Post in Michigan during the November contest. He was very glad to get the prize and hopes that he may be able to get some other prizes during the coming year.

Our old reliable Market

is prepared to serve you

FIRST CLASS

NOW FOR EVERY DAY SERVICE



Candy

During the holiday season we will have the greatest sale of Christmas Candies ever held in Grayling.

1000 Pounds

await your order. The assortment is complete. Don't forget some of our Rock Candy for the children.

We were fortunate in ordering our Christmas Candies during the past summer, before the advance of sugar and it cannot be purchased at double price to-day.

It has just arrived and we are ready to give our customers the benefit of low prices.

BRINK'S GROCERY

Nice Juicy Steaks and Chops.

Cutlets, Roasts

The best Oysters that you can buy in Grayling.

High Class Canned Goods

F. H. MILKS

Christmas in Washington

By Edward B. Clark

CHRISTMAS in Washington is not altogether like the northern holiday, even though there be snow on the Potomac hills and in the low lying valley of the river itself. Here on the sunny slope of the White House lawn dandelion and the heartsease are Christmas blossoms, while the heather, not infrequently shows itself white and blue to the sun on the banks of Rock Creek.

Christmas is a particularly genial season in Washington. There is enough of the southern atmosphere in the capital to make the holiday partake of the nature of the Christmas of the further south, for the natal day of Christ always has been given warmth and exciting recognition in the country south of the Mason and Dixon line.

There are children in the White House at this holiday season as there were all through the administration of Mr. Taft's predecessor in office, Theodore Roosevelt. The president has three children at home with him to enjoy the holiday festivities in the House of State. It is true that of the three children one is just entering manhood and the other womanhood, while the third is just out of knickerbockers. Robert Taft, the president's oldest son, is home from college for the season's merrymaking, and his sister, Helen, is here also for the gayeties of the younger set. "Charlie" Taft has not outgrown the Christmas tree age and a Christmas tree he will have.

During the seven years of the Roosevelt administration, although there were five children in the White House, there was a Christmas tree only once. Mr. Roosevelt did not like the Christmas tree idea because he is a great believer in the conservation of the forests of the country, and he held that the Christmas tree trade worked havoc with the supply of evergreens. So it was that while Christmas in the White House during his term of office was all that the holiday otherwise should be, the children were not allowed a tree. The youngest Roosevelt boy, however, had Christmas tree views of his own, and once he secured one, trimmed it in seclusion and then hid it away in a closet where it was not discovered by his father, the president, until the Christmas season had pretty well waned.



WHITE-HOUSE SIDEBOARD FROM WHICH CHRISTMAS DINNER IS SERVED

A Christmas tree hereafter probably will be evidence at the White House at every holiday. Mr. Taft need have no scruples on account of "forest devastation" because Gifford Pinchot, formerly chief forester of the government, has said that Christmas trees enough can be cut to supply the market demand without threatening the future supply. Mr. Pinchot believes in saving the trees, and he would not have issued this statement without proper study of the situation. He did not give out his edict, however, until the Roosevelt family had left the executive mansion, and while the former chief-forester is one of Colonel Roosevelt's intimate friends, it is probable that the Roosevelt children think that the verdict of Mr. Pinchot on the tree question ought not to have been so long delayed.

They play golf all winter in Washington, and it perchance there is snow on the ground they play the game with red balls instead of the ordinary white ones, and so when President Taft plays his holiday games he will not stand in any danger of forfeiting a stroke because of the loss of a golf ball. A red ball is a conspicuous mark against a white ball.

Every employee of the White House receives a big Christmas turkey as a gift from the president and his wife. Some of the White House household servants and some of the members of the police force have been in the employment of presidents through many administrations. Col. William H. Crook, who is the executive chef, has been in the service ever since Grant's day and recently he has written his reminiscences of White House life under eight presidents. Since the early Civil war days there have been children in the White House under nearly every administration, but whether or not there were children of the president's own families to gather about the fire and the Christmas tree, young people always found their way into the White House circle to help their elders celebrate the holiday.

Christmas parties for young people are always the regular order of things in the White House during the holiday season. The children of the cabinet officials, of the army and navy officers, of senators and representatives and of the diplomats stationed here, always are invited to a merry-making in the big east room.

Christmas is the great day in the household of the ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries and in the families of the juniors of the different embassies and legations. The representatives of southern European governments and of the countries of Central and South America make much of Christmas. Not an embassy or a legation in this town but keeps open house virtually during the entire holiday season. Gift giving among foreigners represented here is carried to an extreme at which even Americans, who give generously and are giving more generously and widely



CAR FERRY DRIVEN ON THE ROCKS

P. M. CAR FERRY STRANDS AT NORTH POINT, NEAR MILWAUKEE AND IS IN SERIOUS DANGER.

TERRIFIC GALE RAGES ON LAKE MICHIGAN.

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS FEARED IF VESSEL GOES TO PIECES—THIRTY-THREE CARS ON BOARD.

Pere Marquette Transport No. 20 carrying 33 cars of merchandise is fast on the rocks of North Point, where she was driven in a gale early Sunday morning. Efforts of three tugs and Pere Marquette steamer No. 19 to release the stranded boat have proved unavailing. The steamer is in six feet of water and her hold is full to that depth, although the pumps are working.

It was feared at first the steamer would be a total loss with her cargo amounting to nearly \$1,000,000, but a change in the wind makes it probable that the ferry will be saved, but heavily damaged.

The steamer was lost in the fog which settled over Lake Michigan early Sunday morning and grounded on the rocky North Point shoals while trying to find the entrance to Milwaukee harbor. The steamer lost one of the twin screws, and it was impossible to maneuver her to keep her from being driven high on the reefs.

Whipped around by the breakers, the craft soon assumed a position parallel with the shore. The boat was beached head on. Captain Ingerson of the life saving crew was immediately notified and the crew went out in a surf boat.

"I am going to stay aboard the men do as they please," Captain Ingerson is reported to have said when prompted the use of the surf boat to take them off. To a man, the crew of the ferry voted to remain with the captain.

ANOTHER ECHO OF THE GLAZIER FAILURE.

Another echo of the Glazier Che- sea bank failure was heard when the

supreme court, in an opinion, received a decision of Judge West of the Ingham county circuit court. As a re-

sult the state will have to proceed

along different lines than formerly contemplated in collecting a claim of

\$4,000 from the Title Guaranty &

Surety Co., one of the surety com-

panies who were on the personal

bond of Mr. Glazier.

At the outset of the case, the state

through the attorney general sued

Glazier and the Title Guaranty &

Surety Co. to collect \$150,000, the

original amount the company owed

on Glazier's bond. This amount has

since been reduced owing to ad-

dends paid the state from the de-

funct bank.

TEMPLARS HONOR DEAD COMMANDER.

Knights Templar who knew and re-

spected the late Rt. Eminent Sir

James Finlaster, past commander of

the grand commandery, Knights

Templar of Michigan, were present

in large numbers at the memorial

service for him, held in Detroit in the

Masonic temple. Beside the speak-

er, the two sons of Mr. Finlaster,

Eminent Sir Fred. Gregory, eminent

commander of Detroit Commandery;

Eminent Sir Reuben H. Osborn, pre-

acher of that body, and other sir-

knight of the order were seated on

the platform.

TOO MANY COUNTRY CHURCHES.

The country church is decaying,

Fremon L. Butterfield told the mem-

bers of the Adcraft club in Detroit.

He gave as reason that there are too

many country churches; that they

will not work together, thereby con-

fusing the minds of the young; that

the clergy is poorly paid; and that

the denominational prejudice is too

strong.

Mr. Butterfield is ranked as an au-

thority on country life conditions,

having been a member of the Roos-

velt country life commission.

Michigan Wheat Market Falls Off.

During November 355,000 bushels

of wheat were marketed in Michigan,

according to the crop report issued

the estimated total number of bush-

els of wheat marketed in the four

months, August to November, is 6,-

000,000 bushels. The total number of

bushels yet remaining in the posse-

tion of the growers is estimated at

\$14,000,000. This is the prevailing opini-

on of the crop correspondents as

wheat is not in as good condition as

a year ago.

THE DETROIT BOVILY OF HEALTH HAS

ENTERED SAMPLES OF MILK DISTRIBUTED

AT THE MILK EXHIBIT HELD IN MUS-

KEGON.

Judge Prescott has closed the es-

tate of Albert Hilton of Muskegon,

who died two years ago, leaving \$2,-

000. The court has succeeded in lo-

cating six brothers and five sisters

of the deceased.

A Grand Rapids passenger train on

the Grand River Valley road, a

branch of the Michigan Central,

crashed into an open switch at Rives

Junction and turned over. Both the

engineer and fireman jumped. No

one was injured, but the passengers

were shaken up.

THE HOUGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT CELE-

BRATED DEC. 12 THE FIFTIETH ANNIVER-

SARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CON-

VENTATIONAL FIRE COMPANY, THE TITLE OF

THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL A FEW DAYS AGO.

The guest of honor was Thomas J. Brown,

of Washington, D. C., first chief of the

department, the title at that time be-

ing foreman.

Thomas A. Ellison called at the

White House and met President Taft

for the first time. "I had never seen

the president, and wanted to shake

hands with him," said the lawyer,

as he went away.

Robert R. Stein, indicted in sever-

al cities on charges of using the

United States mail to defraud, was

held in Washington under a bond of

\$2,500 for the United States circuit

court. It is alleged that Stein and

his brother Ernest A. A. Stein, now

under arrest in Milwaukee, made

thousands of dollars by conducting

a fraudulent patent soliciting business

in investigating the labor conditions in this city.

EX-CON. SMITH'S FUNERAL

MANY OUT-OF-TOWN FRIENDS PRESENT

AT SERVICES FOR EX-CONGRESSMAN

Henry C. Smith was held from Christ-

church it being impossible to hold it at

the residence because of the ill-

ness of Mrs. Smith. The services

were largely attended, many out-

town people, including some mem-

bers of the state bar, being present. The

services were conducted by Rev. C.

H. Chamber, of Grand Rapids, and Dr.

McCarroll of Detroit.

Among the many floral offerings

was one from the congressional com-

mmittee. The members of the local

bar, of which the deceased was a

member, attended in a body.

FARMERS REJECT WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

That the farmers of Michigan may

take a hand in demanding woman

suffrage in this state was turned

down when a resolution to that ef-

It Means Health For the Child

The careful mother, who watches closely the physical peculiarities of her child, can do much to insure the most important thing in connection with a child's constant good health is to keep the bowels regularly open. Sluggish bowel will be followed by loss of appetite, restlessness during sleep, irritability, and a dozen and one similar evidences of physical disorder.

At the first sign of such disorder give the child a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin at night on retiring and repeat the dose the following night if necessary—more than that will scarcely be required. You will find that a child will recover from a constitutional cold at once and will eat and sleep normally.

This remedy is a vast improvement over salts, cathartics, laxative waters and similar things which are altogether unsatisfactory for children. The housewife, Mrs. L. Grunwald, 18 Madison St., Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. J. P. McLellan, Fountain, Mich., are always supplied with Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and with them, as with thousands of others, there is no substitute for this grand laxative. It is a pure product and contains superior tonic properties which help to tone and strengthen the stomach, liver and bowels so that after a brief use of it all laxatives can be dispensed with and nature will do its own work, leaving nothing to make a man ill.

Send for a sample bottle sent to the home free of charge by simply addressing Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Washington St., Monteith, N.Y. Your name and address on a postal card will do.

Husband Was Willing.

The Scot has no monopoly of domestic felicity, as many a plangent paragraph bears witness. The other day an old farmer and his wife were "driving" the sights of a provincial town, and, among other places they visited a panorama of South Africa.

The views were extremely interesting, and the couple were enjoying themselves to the full. A scene after scene passed, the woman's enthusiasm increased, and at length, turning to her husband, she exclaimed:

"Oh, Sandy, this is really splendid. I could just sit here all my days."

"Ah, well, Jessie, woman," replied Sandy, to the mirth of those sitting near, "just sit you still there; I'll not grudge the expense."

Kidney Trouble

Is Very Deceptive

Few Realize They're Affected Till Danger Point is Reached—Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills Work Wonders—Sample Free!

Kidney disease is much more common than most people imagine. Many sufferers do not know what's ailing them—until the trouble becomes serious. Some trifling affection may run into the dread diabetes, dropsy or Bright's disease before one realizes there's anything wrong with his kidneys.

Usually the most noticeable symptom which first appear are far from the seat of the trouble, and the sufferer mistakes the nature of his ailment. Dull aches and pains, color or cloudy urine, too frequent or too scanty urination, burning sensation, are of course readily recognized as symptoms of signs of kidney disease.

Because of the deceptive and dangerous character of these ailments, if you suspect your kidneys are diseased, lose no time in beginning treatment. The best possible remedy for you is Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills. They quickly dislodge any poison in the system. They act like a利尿劑 to cleanse the clogged kidneys of their poisonous impurities, strengthen them so they perform their duties normally, naturally. There's no other way to really cure kidney derangements, resultant bladder troubles, dropsy, diabetes, etc. Send for a free sample of these right structures and painless.

Get a package of these marvelous Dr. Derby's Kidney Pills at once. 25c and 50c packages. If you want to try them first ask your druggist for a free sample package, or same will be sent direct by Derby Medicine Co., Eaton Rapids, Mich.

A Born Quibbler.

" Didn't I tell you not to shoot any quail on this place?"

"Yassah," replied Uncle Rasperry. "You done told me an' I done heard you. Dis sin' no quail. Dis is a park ridge."

It isn't until a man reaches the age of discretion that he discovers he can have a good time without suffering for it the next morning.

Some Undertaking.

The official undertaker of a small town was driving through the country on one of his regular missions. A woman came out to the gate of a farm yard and halted him.

"I don't seem to recall your name, madam," he said.

"That's funny," she said. "We ain't been more'n a year and a half ago since you undertook—my first husband."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Cures all blood humors, all eruptions, clears the complexion, creates an appetite, aids digestion, relieves tired, tired feeling, gives vigor and vim.

Get it today in usual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsatabs.

Genuine must bear Signature

Rex Hood

REINFORCED SARSAPARILLA

LIVER PILLS

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE

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Subscriptions to Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Rasmus Hanson	Grayling	\$255.23
Est. David Ward	Deward	3000.00
Chas. W. Ward	Lovells	2901.60
Lewis Jensen	Salling	1000.00
Nels Michelson	Grayling	1000.00
F. L. Michelson	Johannesburg	1000.00
Proc's reception and tag day		733.98
Rev. J. J. Reiss	Grayling	580.20
D. M. Kueland	Lewiston	500.00
Mrs. E. Cornwell	Sugihau	500.00
Mrs. O. S. Hawen	Detroit	250.00
Mrs. F. C. Burden	Detroit	250.00
H. W. Knause	Flint	250.00
N. P. Olson	Grayling	200.00
M. C. Engineers and Firemen		130.00
A. M. Lewis & Co.	Grayling	100.00
Walsh Mfg Co.	Frederic	100.00
T. E. Douglas Co.	Lovells	100.00
T. W. Hanson	Grayling	100.00
Esborn Hanson	"	100.00
Marion Hanson	"	100.00
G. L. Alexander	"	53.41
H. A. Bauman	"	50.00
O. N. Michelson	"	50.00
Gray Mercantile Co.	"	50.00
Gray Electric Co.	"	50.00
Chris Hanson	"	50.00
John Benson	"	50.00
J. C. Burton	"	50.00
Wm. Fischer	"	50.00
F. E. Michelson	"	50.00
Brotherhood of R. R. Trainmen	"	50.00
Hon. Nels. Sharpe	W. Branch	25.00
Yull Bros.	Vanderbilt	25.00
F. H. Mills	Grayling	25.00
Crav. Co. Grange	"	21.00
R. D. Couine	"	10.00
C. J. Hathaway	"	10.00
J. O. Goudow	"	10.00
A. C. Olson	"	10.00
M. A. Bates	"	10.00
E. Kraus	"	10.00
Sorenson Bros.	"	10.00
Lon. Collins	"	10.00
Hans Petersen	"	10.00
G. W. Slade	"	10.00
Nr Schjotz	"	10.00
Thos. Cassidy	"	10.00
Chas. Blair	"	10.00
John Larson	"	5.00
Ind. Order Foresters	"	5.00
		\$22040.42
Pennell Bros.	Cheboygan	
	Marble Corner Store	
Oscar Palmer	Grayling	
	Land Value \$200.00	
C. W. Ward	Lovells	
	Land Value \$250.00	
Salling, Hanson Co.	Grayling	
	Land Value \$200.00	
Heirs of E. N. Salling		
	Furnished One-Room	
Mrs. E. B. Hartwick	Detroit	
	Furnished One Room	
Goodfellowship Club	Grayling	
	Furnished One Room	
A. E. Michelson	Grayling	
	Furnished One Room	
Irene Burton	Grayling	
	Furnished One Room	
C. T. Jerome	Grayling	
	One Mahogany Rocker	
Thos. and Jennie Ingle	Grayling	
	One Organ	
O. Palmer	Grayling	
	One Sewing Machine	
Chas. Canfield	Grayling	
	One Scale	
Campbell Gravel Co.	Grayling	
	Three Cars Gravel	
M. A. Bates	Grayling	
	One year free Telephone Service	
Cost of Grayling Mercy Hospital		
Pratt & Koeppe, Architects		\$387.57
Clarke & Rogers, Contractors		\$536.35
Plumbing, Heating and Ke-		
Waunakee Water Plant		400.11
Lumber		2210.51
Furnishings and Sterilizing		
Apparatus		4259.43
Electricity and Signal System		1053.37
Gravel		200.34
Sewer, Excavating, Grading		324.89
Draying, Express, Freight		205.06
Cement Sidewalk		140.44
Extra Painting, Enameling,		152.60
and Floor Oiling		
Water Works		109.15
Miscellaneous		48.67
Extra Labor		82.30
Insurance		450.00
Total		\$22167.49
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The Home Circle

Most men would prefer domestic happiness to great riches.

With some people a knowledge of house work is ridiculed, but a person who does not give housekeeping a place among the fine arts shows an intellectual cabaret away down below the commonplace.

Supplement what the children learn at school with reading lessons at home. Reading aloud is good, will improve the reading of the reader, and give information to members of the home circle who may be obliged to work with their hands in the evening.

You will often advance your interests more by spending a social evening in a respectable family, than you will by sitting in your room and pouring over your money matters, or writing a whole package of business letters.

The glad hearts! How welcome they are in this old world! The hearts that wear a smiling face and extend the glad hand! They scatter sunshine wherever they go. They inspire us with good thoughts and the desire to do noble things. They smooth down the rough places in life. They remove the obstacles from our paths, and sweeten the pleasures of this old world.

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Jan. 4th, Onaway at Grayling.

Jan. 12th, Boyne City at Boyne City.

Jan. 19th, East Jordan at Grayling.

Feb. 2nd, Mancelona at Mancelona.

Feb. 9th, Wolverine at Grayling.

Feb. 16th, Onaway at Onaway.

Feb. 17th, Cheboygan at Cheboygan.

Mar. 8th, Cheboygan at Grayling.

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Return games with East Jordan and Frederic are yet to be arranged.

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Young men study yourselves, choose your work and if it satisfies you move on. Bid defiance to all obstacles. Don't surrender to phantoms—they will ever challenge you; fight it out on some line "if it takes all summer." Our boats are headed up the river and just so sure as we drop the oars, so sure we will float down. Keep rowing.

The cottage and the mansion differ very much in structure and in furniture, but a pretty flower, carefully watered and tended, blooms as well in a cottage as in a palace window. Then the flower speaks to the inmates of the home and tells them of the wisdom and love of God; how he sent these beautiful flowers into the world to please the eye of man.

To the Public.

I wish to inform all that I am now ready to take orders for Nursery Stock for spring delivery, with information from the company to give the best of satisfaction from the largest house in the world, with 1200 acres under cultivation for nursery stock, to be delivered in April. All stock is warranted and satisfaction guaranteed.

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School Notes.

The tenth grade are studying "An You Like It" for rhetoric.

Miss Jones is again teaching the eighth grade after a week's absence on account of illness.

Mesdames Whitney and Roblin were visitors Tuesday forenoon.

Miss Simpson taught the eighth grade during the absence of Miss Jones.

Elizabeth Sheehy is attending school again after an absence of three weeks.

The fourth grade A class are making United States maps.

The fifth grade are preparing for Christmas, making calendars and learning songs.

Esther Conroy of the fourth grade has moved to Standish.

Wanda Failing is absent because of illness.

The physiology class in the sixth grade are studying about the eye. They have a specimen, which makes the work very interesting.

Rosanna Sachs of Lewiston entered high school this week and is a member of the junior class.

The Athletic Association held its regular meeting Monday. The association has twenty-two members and report a bank account of \$28. All alumni are eligible to membership and the association would be glad to welcome any former high school graduates.

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First Parrot—Willie Owl was put out of the theater last night.

Second Parrot—What for?

First Parrot—Why be commenced looting at the villain.

A Father's Vengeance

would have fallen on any one who attacked the son of Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Michigan, but he was powerless before attacks of kidney trouble. "Doctor could not help him," he wrote, "so at last we gave him Electric Bitters and he improved wonderfully from taking six bottles of the best kidney medicine I ever saw." Backache, tired feeling, nervousness, loss of appetite, warn of kidney trouble that may end in dropsy, diabetes or Bright's disease. Beware: Take Electric Bitters and be safe. Every bottle guaranteed. 50 cents at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s

Balked at Cold Steel.

"I wouldn't let a doctor cut my foot," said H. D. Bantam, Ohio, "although a horrible ulcer had been the plague of my life for four years. Instead I used Buckler's Arnica Salve and my foot was soon completely cured." Heals burns, boils, sores, ulcers, gout, rheumatism, corns, bunions, etc. 25 cents at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s

Starts Much Trouble.

If all people knew that neglect of constipation would result in severe indigestion, yellow Jaundice or virulent liver trouble, they would soon take Dr. King's New Life Pills and eat it. It's the only safe way. Best for biliousness, headache, dyspepsia, flatulence, etc. 25 cents at A. M. Lewis & Co.'s